

Researching Kentucky Land Patents

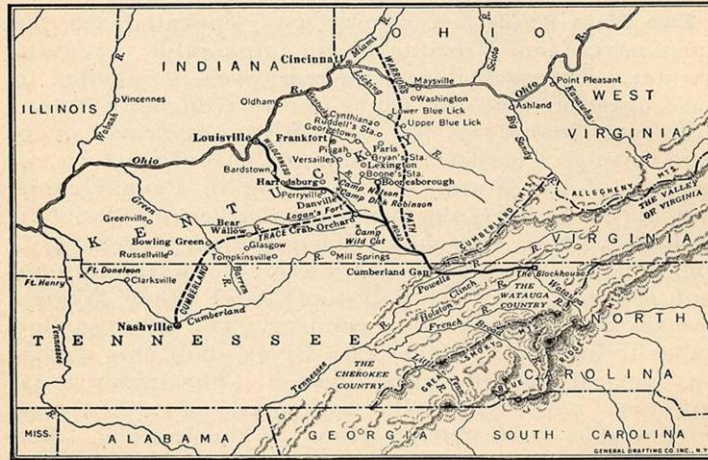


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Welcome to "Land Office Seminar B" presented by the Kentucky Secretary of State's Office at the American Association of Professional Landmen Spring Seminar, March 3, 2011, in Pikeville, Kentucky.



PIONEER ROADS



MAP OF PIONEER ROADS

Various routes were used by settlers, soldiers, and speculators as they traveled to Kentucky. Some entered into Kentucky through the Cumberland Gap then followed the Wilderness Road. Others followed the various trails established by Native Americans during their hunting expeditions; one of those trails ran from Ohio through Kentucky to Tennessee. Others traveled by flatboat from the Ohio River to the Kentucky River into the heart of Kentucky. Buffalo, and other animal, traces were then used to travel within Kentucky.

The “stopping point” for settlers, soldiers, and speculators was determined by the type of warrant they were using to acquire land and the location. Bounty-land-warrants issued for service in the Revolutionary War to Virginia veterans, heirs, and assigns were restricted to the Military District in Ohio or Kentucky. Land could not be acquired in Native American areas.



As families and friends moved into Kentucky, they used various types of warrants to patent land. Fortifications, such as Fort Logan, Fort Boonesborough, and Fort Harrod, were secure places during times of crisis. Stations soon evolved into communities. Communities became Kentucky cities.

Patenting Process: Step 1

WARRANTS

*syn. CERTIFICATES, COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFICATES, or
SPECIAL ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY*

FUNCTION: Authorize Entries

Samples: Military, Certificate of Settlement, Preemption Warrant, Treasury, Finding Salt, Clearing a Road, Poor Widows Warrant, Purchased from Kentucky Land Office, or Purchased from County Court. Legislation for Relief of Poor Persons, Certain Persons, or Establishing Academies/Seminaries

- WARRANTS MAY BE ASSIGNED.**
- WARRANTS MAY BE USED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.**
- WARRANTS DO NOT CONVEY TITLE.**

Warrants are the first step in the process of patenting land. Warrants do not convey title.

Patenting Process: Step 2

ENTRIES

FUNCTION: Reserve Land for Surveying

Early Kentucky, Fayette, Lincoln & Jefferson County Entries are available from the Kentucky Land Office. Subsequent Entry Books are kept on the county level.

Entries include the date of filing, name of applicant, type of warrant(s) being used, warrant number(s) & the location of the land to be surveyed.

- **Entries may be withdrawn or amended.**
 - **Check marginal notations.**
 - **Entries are do not convey title.**

Entries are the second step in patenting land. Entries do not convey title.

Patenting Process: Step 3

SURVEYS

FUNCTION: Depict & Describe the Tract being Patented

Surveys include: Plat Drawing, List of Warrant(s) being used, Name of Person(s) for whom the Survey is being made, County, Closest Watercourse, Metes & Bounds Description, Surveyor, Deputy Surveyor (if applicable), Chain Carriers, Housekeeper/Pilot/Director, Marker, Magnetic Variation, and Date of Survey.

- **SURVEYS MAY BE ASSIGNED.**
- **SURVEYS DO NOT CONVEY TITLE.**

Surveys are the third step in patenting land. Surveys do not convey title.

Patenting Process: Step 4

GRANTS

FUNCTION: Finalize the Land Patenting Process

Grants include: Name of Governor or Lt. Governor, Name of Patent Recipient(s), Type of Warrant(s) Being Used, Warrant Number(s), County, Watercourse, Metes & Bounds Description, Date of Issuance, Year of the Commonwealth (Virginia or Kentucky), & the Signature of the Governor or Lt. Governor (on original document). *NOTE: Original Grants, decorated with the Seal & Official Signature are sent to the Patent Recipient. The Land Office enters a copy of the Grant in the Land Office Grant Book.*

- **Conveyances after the Grant is issued are filed with the county clerk.**
 - **There is no central deed registration in Kentucky.**
- **Conveyances may be recorded as Deeds or included in Will bequests.**

The issuance of the Grant finalizes the patenting process and conveys title. Grants are frequently called “Patent Deeds.”

1831 Pike County, Kentucky, Tax Lists

Persons Name Chargeable with Private Property	Acres	Land			Water Course	In whose name Entered	Surveyor	Patented to	Horses over 16	Blacks over 16	Horses under 16	Mules under 16	Cattle under 16	Swine	Hens	Total Value
		1st Rate	2nd Rate	3rd Rate												
David Lowmeyer	6	50	Pike	Sandy River	same	same	same	same	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100
Hermilton Thomas		70	Pike	Sandy River	same	same	same	same	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30
John		50	Pike	Sandy River	same	same	same	same	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
same		106	Pike	Sandy River	same	same	same	same	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	800
Justice Peter	150	Pike	Sandy River	same	same	same	same	same	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	800
Justice George									1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35
Justice John									1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Justice George	10	Pike	Sandy River	same	same	same	same	same	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
same									1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
same	30	Pike	Sandy River	same	same	same	same	same	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Tax Lists are an important resource for determining patentee information. Tax Lists include the name of the taxpayer, the amount of acreage reported for taxation and its rating, the county in which the land lies, the closest watercourse, the name of the person who filed the Entry, the name of the person for whom the survey was made, and the name of the person who patented the land (received the Grant).

In 1831 George Justice, Sr., reported ownership of land in Pike County on Sandy River for tax purposes. The land had been entered by, surveyed for, and patented to "Fugate."

Pike County Deeds could indicate when Justice bought the property. Eventually the chain of title should lead (backward) to a Fugate patent issued prior to 1831.

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Scanned images of the Fugate patent are available on the “Virginia & Old Kentucky Patent Series” channel of the Kentucky Secretary of State’s Land Office Website. Select “Old Kentucky” then sort the patents by the name of the patentee. The images will appear in preview panes that can be enlarged for viewing, printing, and/or saving to a file.

REGIMENTAL SERVET NO.	NAME	ACHIEVEMENT	COUNTRY	WATERHOUSE	SKETCH DATE	ORIGINAL PAGE	GRANT	GRANT DATE	ORIGINAL PAGE
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5295	French, James	550	Bourbon	Main Licking	11-8-1792	1 205	Sane & Heirs	2-1-1794	12 103-104
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5297	"	367 1/2	Bourbon	Green Cr.	10-26-1792	1 345-346	Sane & Heirs	6-15-1794	12 92-93
5298	"	362	Bourbon	Green Cr.	10-26-1792	1 345-346	Sane & Heirs	6-15-1794	12 92-93
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According to the “Index of Old Kentucky Surveys & Grants,” Josiah Fugate was issued patent number 2045.


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 The [Kentucky Cities database](#) includes information on city filings submitted to the Kentucky Secretary of State's Office. This database also includes various listings of Kentucky cities, population information, and contact information for city and county government, if available. Also included is a [Prebuilt Lists and Queries Search](#).

Virginia and Old Kentucky Patent Series
NEW! Research patents and view images filed with the [Virginia Patent Series & Old Kentucky Patent Series](#). Authorized by legislative acts and a variety of warrants, ex. Revolutionary War, French & Indian War, Certificates of Settlement, Preemption Warrants, Treasury Warrants, etc., these records span the time when Kentucky was a part of Virginia and continue through the early years of Kentucky's statehood.

Revolutionary War Warrants
 Access information on 4748 Revolutionary War Warrants issued to Virginia veterans or their assigns prior to 1792 on the [Revolutionary War Warrants database](#). View color images from the Warrants Register and all Kentucky patent files authorized by Revolutionary War Warrants.

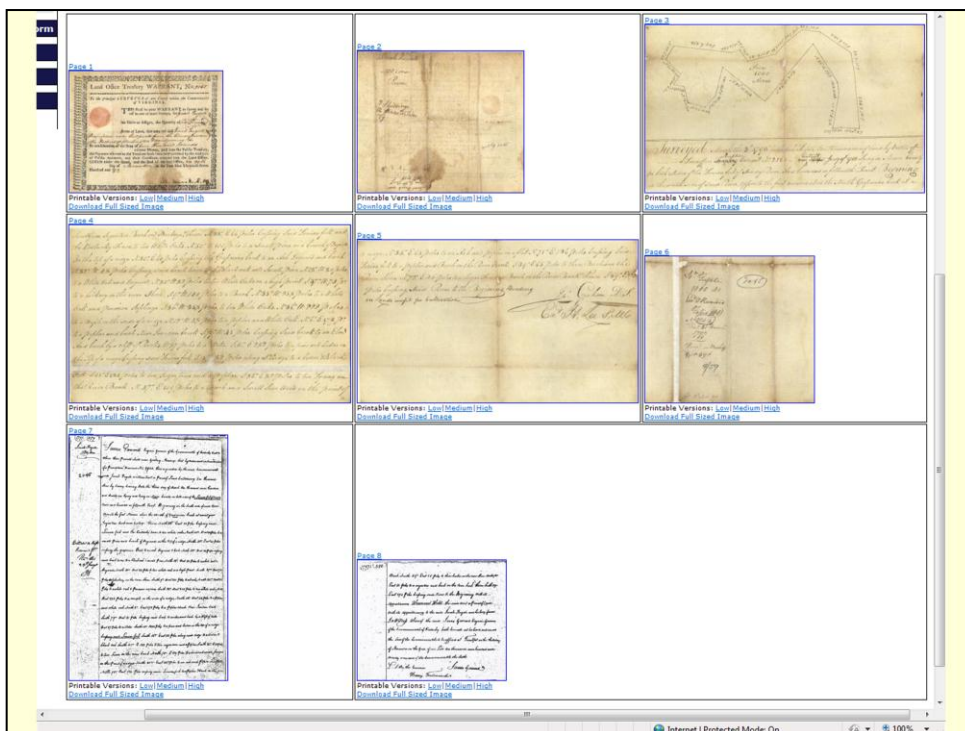
West of Tennessee River Military Patents
 Research and view color images of 242 patents in the Jackson Purchase authorized by warrants issued to Virginia Revolutionary War veterans or their assigns on the [West of Tennessee River Military Patents database](#).

Certificates of Settlement & Preemption Warrants
 Access information regarding Certificates of Settlement and Preemption Warrants issued to Kentucky's earliest settlers on the [Certificates of Settlement and Preemption Warrants database](#). View color images of patent files as they are linked to the "Authorized Patents" field on a daily basis. Digitized images of the Certificates of Settlement and Commissioners' Authorizations for Preemption Warrants may be available by clicking the Preemption Warrant Number field. With the permission of The Library of Virginia, the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives is digitizing microfilm of the Certificates of Settlement and Preemption Warrant Approvals. Records are added to the "Certificates of Settlement and Preemption Warrants database" on a regular basis.

Virginia Treasury Warrants Database
 Access over 23,200 entries in the [Virginia Treasury Warrants Register](#), Volumes I & II, for information regarding early Kentucky land patents. This database includes the names of persons who purchased Treasury Warrants, immediate assignees, warrant number, acreage authorized for patenting under the warrant number, amount of money paid, and the date the warrant was issued. The "Authorized" field on the Virginia Treasury Warrants Database, identifies patent numbers associated with the usage of the Treasury Warrants. Many link to color-scanned images of patent files in the Virginia Series and Old Kentucky Series of Kentucky land patents housed in the Kentucky Secretary of State's Land Office. This database includes warrant information for 300 Treasury Warrants issued to George Rogers Clark for recruiting his battalions in lieu of a bounty of \$750.

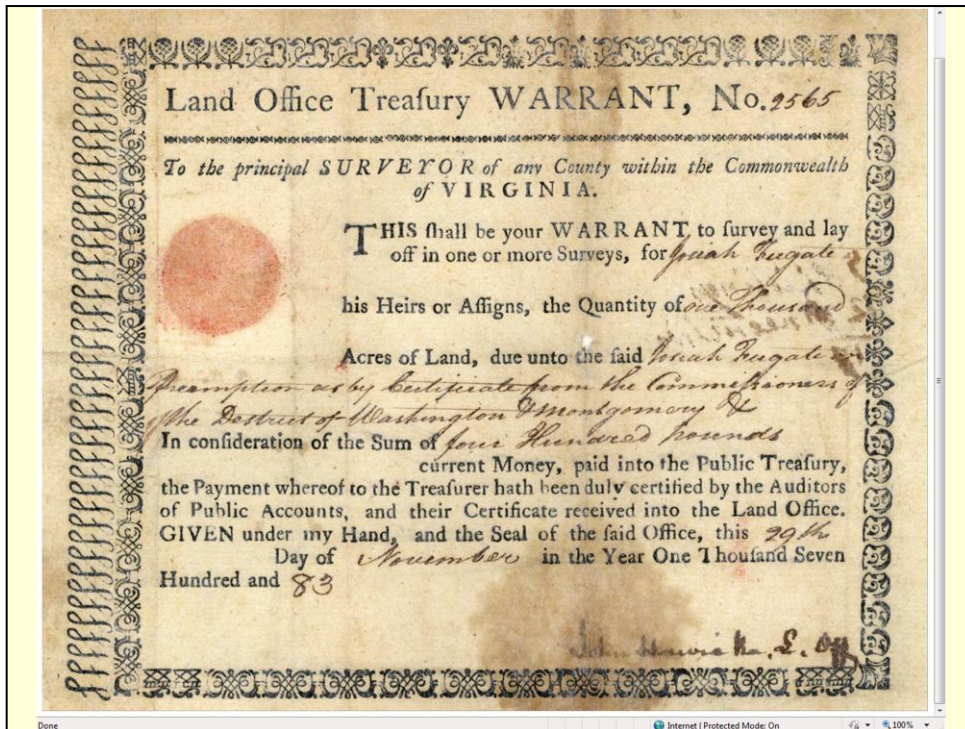
Lincoln Entries
 Research 4763 Entries filed with the Lincoln County Surveyor's Office when Lincoln County comprised one-third of Kentucky on the [Lincoln Entries database](#). (Military Entries in southwestern Kentucky are not included on this database.) Link to scanned images of each Entry.

The Kentucky Secretary of State's Land Office Website provides a quick-link to the "Virginia & Old Kentucky Patents" on the "Database Search" page.



Preview panes display each document in the patent file. Various resolution settings are available.


The “Advanced Image Viewer” allows the researcher to download the entire document in Multipage TIFF format or adjust other settings. Researchers who are accessing the documents in Advanced Image Viewer are reminded to click the “Hide All Options” box to remove instructions at the top of the page.



According to the patent file for Old Kentucky 2565, Josiah Fugate was awarded 1000 acre Preemption Warrant by the Commissioners of the District of Washington & Montgomery counties on November 29, 1783. (Note: Technically the warrant should have been issued by the Commissioners of Kentucky County. Perhaps the area in question was closer to the site of sessions held by the District of Montgomery and Washington Land Commissioners.)


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Under the Virginia Land Law of 1779, residents of the Kentucky District could purchase Certificates of Settlement and Preemption Warrants if they met certain residency requirements. Any bona fide settler in Kentucky County prior to January 1, 1778, who had made an improvement and planted a crop of corn, was eligible for a 400 acre Certificate of Settlement for the land he (or she) had improved. An additional 1000 acres, adjoining the Settlement tract, could be purchased under a Preemption Warrant. All those who had "marked out" or chosen any unappropriated lands and built any house or hut or made other improvements prior to January 1, 1778, but could not prove actual settlement, were entitled to a preemption of no more than 1000 acres. (These warrants were issued for "chop claims" or "lottery cabin improvements.")

Anyone in Kentucky County, Virginia, after January 1, 1778 and before May 1779 (when the Land Law was written) was eligible for a 400 acre Preemption Warrant for the tract on which they had made an improvement and planted a corn crop.

A Land Commission was appointed to hear testimony from Kentucky County residents and their witnesses; the Commission then decided who qualified for Certificates of Settlement, 1000 acre Preemption Warrants, 1000 acre Preemption Warrants, and 400 acre Preemption Warrants. The Commission for the Kentucky District consisted of William Fleming, Edmund Lyne, James Barbour and Stephen Trigg. The Commission conducted their hearings in Harrodsburg, St. Asaph (Logan's Fort), Boonesborough, Bryants Station (near Lexington), and the Falls of Ohio (Louisville).

To view scanned images of the journal maintained by the Land Commission, open Doomsday Book in the left column of this website.

The Certificates of Settlement and Preemption Warrants Database is indexed by Preemption Warrant number, the individual acquiring the Warrant & Certificate of Settlement, immediate assignees, and tract location. Result pages include links to scanned images of the commissioners' certificates issued to the claimant, agent, assignee, or heir. Microfilm of the Certificates of Settlement and authorizations for Preemption Warrants is available for research at the following facilities: Secretary of State's Land Office, Kentucky History Center and the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (all in Frankfort), the Filson Club and the Sons of the American Revolution Library (both in Louisville), and the Library of Virginia (Richmond, Virginia.)

Many of the search results on this database link to patent files authorized by Certificates of Settlement & Preemption Warrants. Check "Authorized" for patent series (VA=Virginia, OK=Old Kentucky) and patent numbers. The patents may be reviewed and printed in pane-format by opening the "Virginia and Old Kentucky Patent Series" channel on the Land Office website.

Some counties in present-day Virginia and West Virginia are also included in this index. For information on patents authorized by those Preemption Warrants, contact the Library of Virginia (Richmond, Virginia).

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To research additional information regarding the Warrant access the "Certificates of Settlement and Preemption Warrants Home Page" on the Kentucky Secretary of State's Land Office Website.



A scanned image of the Land Commissioners' authorization complements the Josiah Fugate patent file.




“The Domesday Book is a great land survey from 1086, commissioned by William the Conqueror to assess the extent of the land and resources being owned in England at the time, and the extent of the taxes he could raise. The information collected was recorded by hand in two huge books, in the space of around a year. William died before it was fully completed.”

(Ref: <http://www.domesdaybook.co.uk>)

Entries in the Land Commissioners' Journal for the District of Kentucky County are also available on the "Certificates of Settlement & Preemption Warrants" Database.

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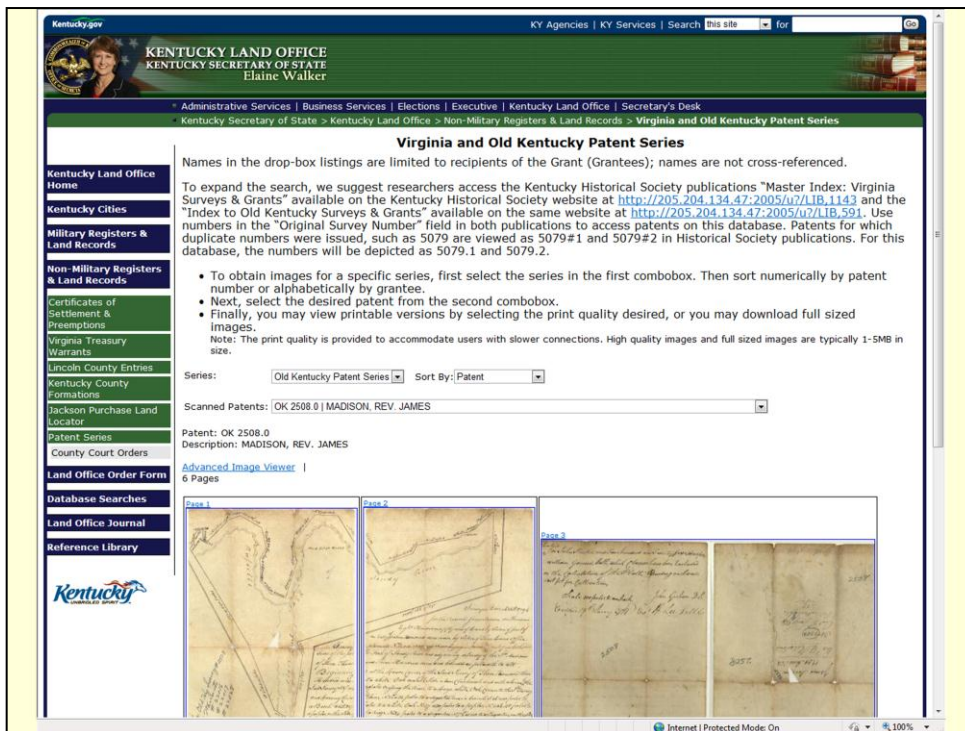
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Sample Patents

Although every patent file is significant for family or historical research, we are providing a listing of selected patents or historical references. Other patents will be added as research continues. Open the patent identification link to view the full document.

- George Rogers Clark's 10,000 acre Military Warrant for service as a Brigadier General during the Revolution: [VA 8392.0](#)
- Survey by Daniel Boone: [VA 8392.0](#)
- Warrant issued to widow for husband's service in the French & Indian War: [VA 4147.0](#)
- Warrant issued for service in Col. Washington's Regiment during the French & Indian War: [VA 3699.0](#)
- Warrant issued for service with General Braddock during the French & Indian War: [VA 4986.0](#)
- Importation Warrant: [VA 3422.0](#)
- Squire Boone's Settlement tract (known as the Stockfields) on Silver Creek: [VA 6513.0](#)
- Plat drawing which includes Simon Kenton's cabin: [VA 1628.0](#)
- Court Order authorizing Poor Person's patent: [VA 4058](#)
- Non-military Land claims in the northern Jackson Purchase region, including Paducah, prior to 1818: [VA 8921.0](#); [VA 9099.0](#); [VA 8935.0](#); [VA 9102.0](#); [VA 9103.0](#); [VA 8997.0](#)
- Grant appears to be signed by Gov. Patrick Henry: [VA 3407.0](#)
- Big Bone Lick: [VA 3931.0](#) (Warrant issued by Lord Dunmore); [OK 6302.0](#); & [OK 3229.0](#)
- Frankfort patents: [VA 3195.0](#); [VA 3482.0](#); [VA 0060.0](#); [VA 0843.0](#); [VA 6687.0](#); and [VA 2974.0](#) (tract includes
- Pikeville: [OK 2508.0](#) (one of several claims in the area by Rev. James Madison)
- Warrant issued for clearing a road over the Cumberland Mountain: [VA 9117.0](#)
- Affidavits regarding Ruddell's Station: [VA 9148.1](#)

The "Virginia & Old Kentucky Patent Series" Website includes a channel entitled "Sample Patents." Included on the listing is a patent located in the Pikeville area.



Rev. James Madison patented numerous tracts in the Pike County area. Images of all patent files are available on the "Virginia & Old Kentucky Patent Series" website.

The screenshot shows the Kentucky Land Office website. The header includes the Kentucky state seal and the text "KENTUCKY LAND OFFICE KENTUCKY SECRETARY OF STATE Elaine Walker". A navigation bar lists various services. The main content area is titled "Kentucky Land Patents: County Court Orders Series". It explains that this is the largest series of patents, authorized by warrants/orders from the county court, and that the series began in 1835. Below this is a search interface with fields for "Search By Patent # (5 digits)", "OR... Book #", and "Page #", along with a "Sort By" dropdown and "Search" and "Reset" buttons. A "Series Summary" section provides historical context, noting that in 1835, the Kentucky General Assembly modified the patenting system, and that over 70,000 patents have been issued under this series. A "Reference Library" section mentions that copies of grants can be ordered from the Secretary of State's Land Office, the Kentucky History Center Library, or the Department for Libraries & Archives. The footer contains contact information, a site map, and a copyright notice for 2009.

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Kentucky Land Patents: County Court Orders Series

The largest series of Kentucky Land Patents is the County Court Orders. These patents are authorized by warrants/orders purchased from the county court. Following the survey of the tract, the Governor issues a Grant finalizing the patent. This patent series was created in 1835 and remains in effect under the provisions of KRS 56.

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Series Summary

In 1835, the Kentucky General Assembly modified the system for patenting unappropriated land in the Commonwealth. Prospective landowners purchased orders, also called "Warrants", from the county court authorizing the county surveyor to survey a tract of unappropriated land for a patent application. The total acreage could not exceed the amount specified in each warrant; the land had to be located within the county issuing the warrant. More than one warrant could be used for each survey. The survey and a copy of the authorizing order(s) were then sent to the Register of the Land Office in Frankfort. Upon approval by the Land Register and, in some instances, the Attorney General, the Governor signed the grant finalizing the patent. Since 1835 to the present date, there have been over 70,000 Kentucky land patents issued under the County Court Order Series. The process for patenting land is defined in Chapter 56 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The quick-search function of this database allows researchers to search by "Patent Number" or by "Grant Book and Page" references listed in the "Grants in County Court Orders" section of Jillson's Kentucky Land Grants. The advanced search function allows researchers to search by more specific fields, such as: County, Watercourse, Grant Name, Survey Name, Survey Year, and Grant Year. At this time, a limited number of Warrants are indexed on this database. Additional Warrant information will be added as indexing continues.

Copies of Grants may be ordered from the Secretary of State's Land Office, the Kentucky History Center Library, and the Department for Libraries & Archives, all in Frankfort, Kentucky. Contact the Kentucky Secretary of State's Office for copies of Warrants and Surveys filed with the County Court Order Series.

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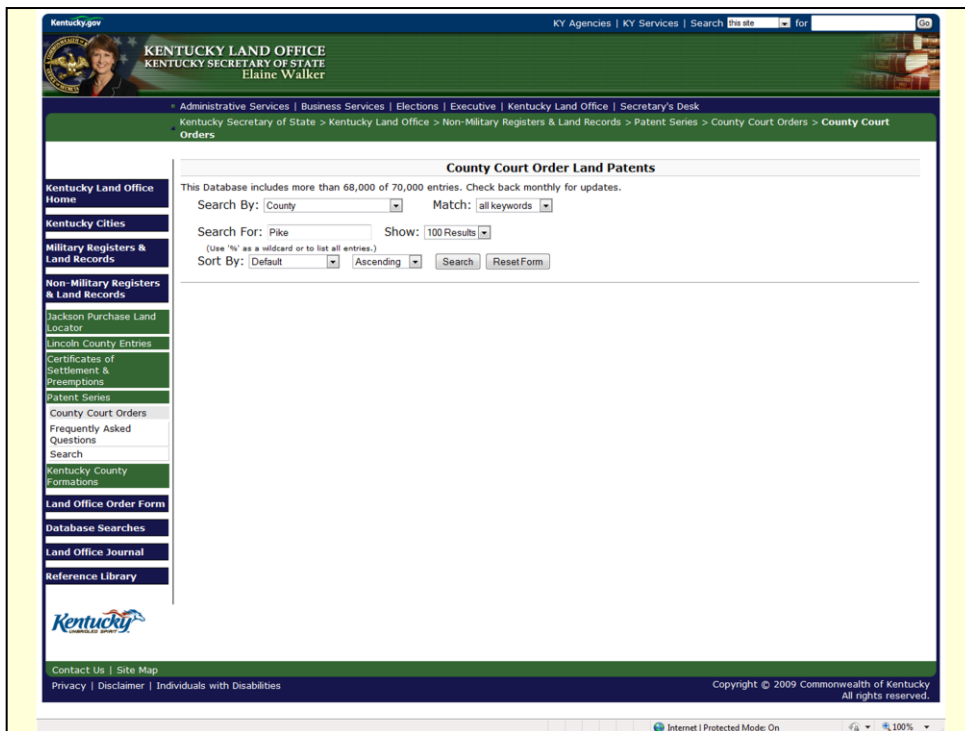
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Patents issued after 1835 are filed in the County Court Orders Patent Series.

The County Court Orders Database on the Secretary of State's Land Office Website allows quick searches by patent number or grant book/page for patent information. By clicking "Advanced Search" additional search criteria is presented.

Researchers are reminded patents are filed in nine major series. Each patent series begins with "Patent No. 1." For example, if a title search references Patent 7826, for example, it could be a Virginia, Old Kentucky, South of Green River, Kentucky Land Warrant, or County Court Order Patent.



After opening the “Advanced Search” function, we selected “County” then entered Pike. We selected 100 results to view.

The screenshot shows the Kentucky Land Office website with a search results page. The header includes the Kentucky Land Office logo and navigation links. The main content area displays search results for 'Tug Tug Tug Pike' with 171 results found. The results are listed in a table with columns for Patent #, Grant Book & Pg, County, Survey Name, Grant Date, Warrant #, Grantee, Acreage, WaterCourse, and Survey Date. The results are sorted by Grantee in ascending order.

Patent #	Grant Book & Pg	County	Survey Name	Grant Date	Warrant #	Grantee	Acreage	WaterCourse	Survey Date
1.) Patent #: 02671	Grant Book & Pg: 6 432	County: Pike	Survey Name: Alley, Paul	Grant Date: 02/19/1841	Warrant #: 17	Alley, Paul	75	Hurricane Br. Tug Fk. Sandy R.	03/29/1839
2.) Patent #: 26251	Grant Book & Pg: 46 346	County: Pike	Survey Name: Alley, Payl	Grant Date: 09/03/1856		Alley, Paul	50	Hurricane Cr. Tug Fk. Sandy R.	02/10/1855
3.) Patent #: 53264	Grant Book & Pg: 96 509	County: Pike	Survey Name: Alley, Peter	Grant Date: 04/12/1877		Alley, Peter	90	Hurricane Cr. Tug R.	11/20/1876
4.) Patent #: 42718	Grant Book & Pg: 76 61	County: Pike	Survey Name: Alley, Thomas C.	Grant Date: 04/26/1870		Alley, Thomas C.	8	Hurricane Cr. Tug Fk. Big Sandy R.	11/17/1869
5.) Patent #: 03200	Grant Book & Pg: 7 414					Ball, James	100		

We clicked the “Search within these results” checkbox, opened the “Search By” search function, selected “Watercourse,” and entered Tug. We changed the sort function to “Grantee.” The search yielded 171 results, a few of which link to scanned images of patent files. (There are over 70,000 patents in the County Court Order Series; approximately 8200 have been scanned for online presentation.)

To request copies of patent files that are not available online, use the Land Office Order Form or contact the Land Office (502-564-3490).

The screenshot shows the Kentucky Land Office website. The header includes the Kentucky.gov logo, the Kentucky Land Office name, and the Kentucky Secretary of State Elaine Walker. A navigation bar lists various services like Secretary's Desk, Business Services, Elections, Administrative Services, Kentucky Land Office, and Executive. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads: Kentucky Secretary of State > Kentucky Land Office > Non-Military Registers & Land Records > Patent Series > West of Tennessee River Non-Military Patents > West of Tennessee River Non-Military Patents Home Page.

West of Tennessee River Non-Military Patents Home Page

With the signing of the Treaty of October 19, 1818, the Chickasaw Indian Nation relinquished all lands east of the Mississippi River and north of the Mississippi state line. The treaty, ratified by the United States Senate and confirmed by President James Monroe on January 7, 1819, expanded Kentucky's western territory by approximately 2000 square miles and Tennessee's western territory by approximately 6000 square miles. (Ref. "The Kentucky Encyclopedia") The newly-acquired area in Kentucky became known as the Jackson Purchase.

On February 14, 1820, the Kentucky General Assembly passed legislation that provided for the mapping of the lands west of the Tennessee River into ranges, townships, and sections. On December 21, 1821, the legislature provided for the sale of vacant fractional or complete quarter-sections (160 acres) in the Purchase area. On January 3, 1825, by legislative act, the Kentucky General Assembly mandated the appointment of a Receiver of Public Moneys to oversee the land sales. The Receiver's office was to be located in Wardsborough in Calloway County.

This website includes a searchable database that lists the names of persons who bought receipts at public land sales, their assignees, witnesses to assignments, grantees (the persons who took title to the property), cost of the tract, and total acreage. The database links to color-scanned images for over 8500 patent files. The database also links to the "Jackson Purchase Locator" which allows researchers to determine the location of the patented tract.

By entering Township, Range, and East/West coordinates, researchers can search for patents by township or sections. With the grid-view option, information can be sorted by clicking selected headers.

By using the "Jackson Purchase Locator" then entering information regarding Township, Range, and East/West coordinates on this database, researchers may determine patent receipts for any location included on the 1885 Loughridge map of the Jackson Purchase.


Click [here](#) to start the search.

The left sidebar contains a list of links: Kentucky Land Office Home, Kentucky Cities, Military Registers & Land Records, Non-Military Registers & Land Records, Certificates of Settlement & Preemptions, Virginia Treasury Warrants, Lincoln County Entries, Kentucky County Formations, Wills, Jackson Purchase Land Locator, Patent Series, Virginia & Old Kentucky Patent Series, West of Tennessee River Military Patents, West of Tennessee River Non-Military Patents, Frequently Asked Questions, How the Jackson Purchase Was Mapped, Search, County Court Orders, Land Office Order Form, and Database Searches.

The only area mapped by Ranges, Townships, and Sections in Kentucky is the Jackson Purchase. The "West of Tennessee River Non-Military Patents" channel is located on the Kentucky Secretary of State's Land Office website.

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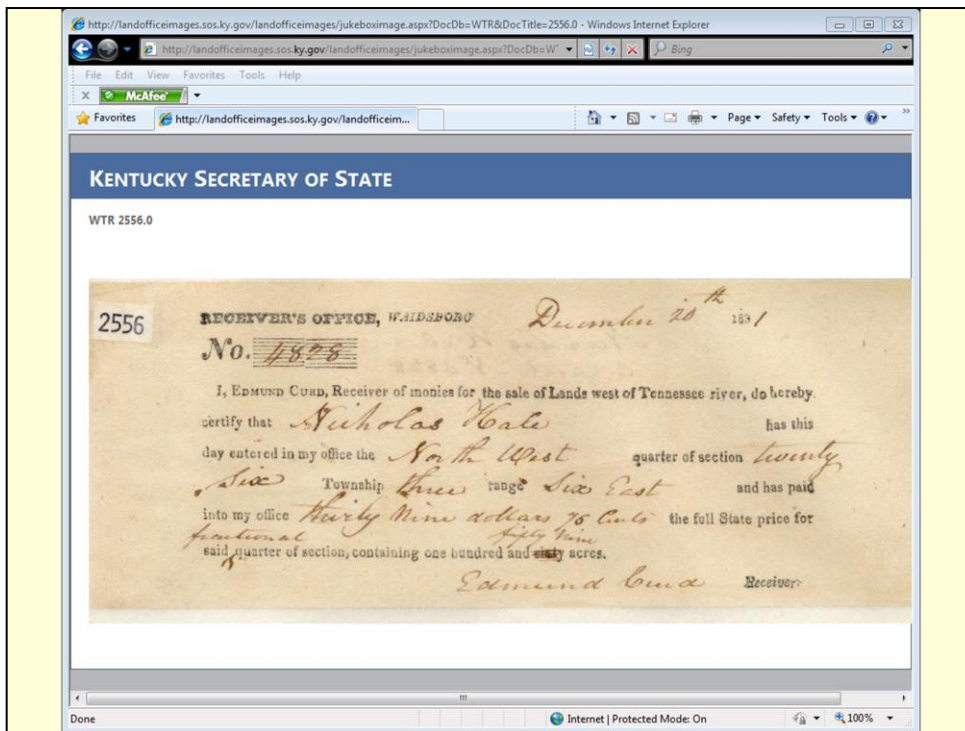
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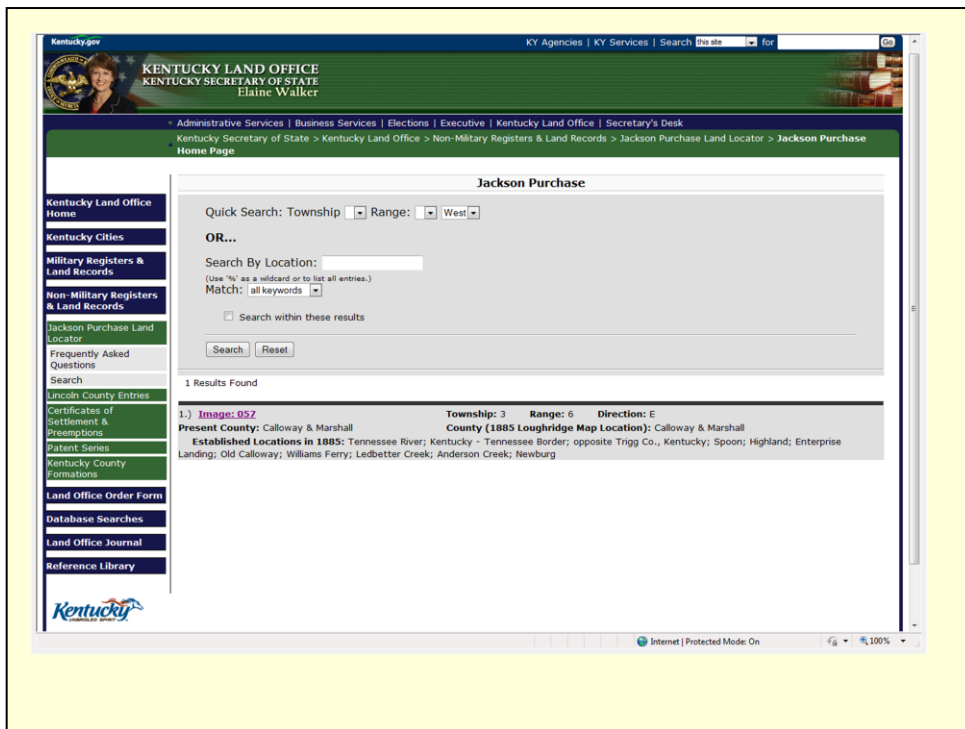
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Receipt Name:	Hale, Nicholas		
Acreage:	159	Price:	\$39.75
Receipt Assignee(s):			
Assignee Witness(es):			
County:	Unknown		
Watercourse/Location:	Unknown		
Quarter Section Location:	NW		
Quarter Section #:	26		
Township:	3		
Range:	6		
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Deputy Receiver:			
Grantee(s):	Hale, Nicholas		

Researchers may search by name or location to access online patent files in this series.

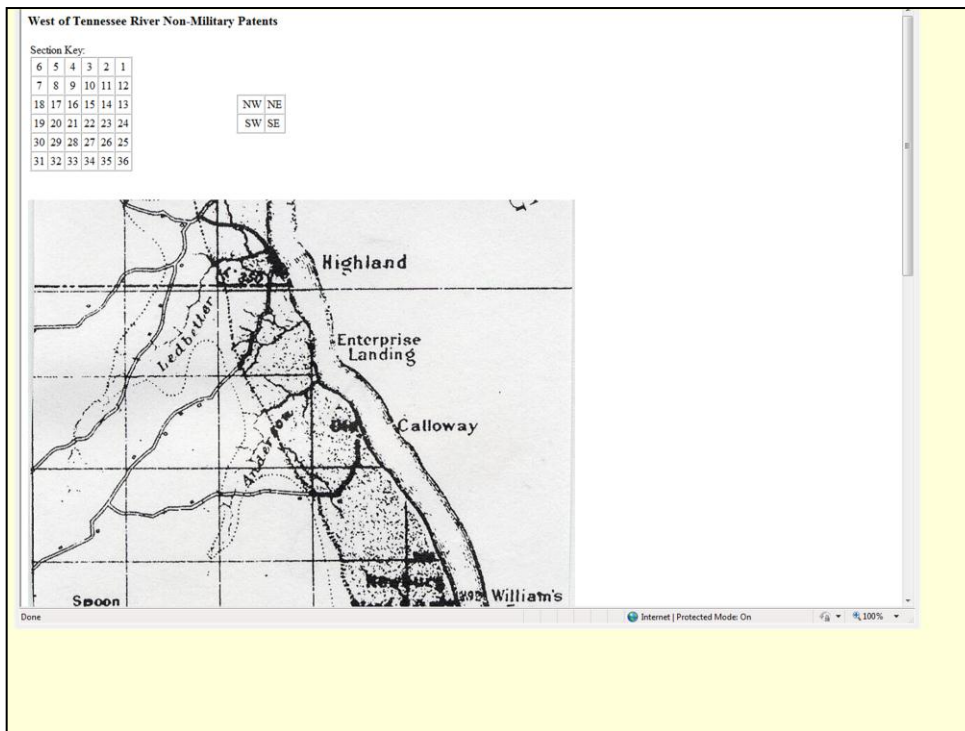
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Search results link to colorscanned documents in the patent file.




Search results also link to the “Jackson Purchase” website. The link identifies the county, range, township and directional coordinate for the patent location.



By clicking the “Image” link on the “Jackson Purchase Website,” researchers can see a scanned image of the township from the Loughridge Map. The section table at the top of the page helps researchers locate the quarter-section cited in the patent and places the patent on a map.

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Range:

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4 results found.

	Patent #	Grantees	QTR Section Location	QTR Section Num	Range	Township	East/West
View Below	1773	Skaggs, Richard	SE	26	6	3	E
View Below	2556	Hale, Nicholas	NW	26	6	3	E
View Below	3065	Vance, Andrew	SW	26	6	3	E
View Below	4248	Hale, Nicholas	NE	26	6	3	E

By entering the Range/Township/Section/EorW coordinates in the search fields on the “West of Tennessee River Non-Military Patents Website,” researchers can determine the names of the patentees in neighboring quarter-sections, sections and townships.

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Kentucky Cities	Online Seminar
Military Registers & Land Records	Since the late 1980s, Land Office staff have conducted more than 100 land patent seminars and continuing education classes for historians, elderhostels, Kentucky surveyors and engineers. The Online Seminar allows researchers to access the entire content of the original Land Office program. (Note: a newer PowerPoint presentation with notes and a special announcement by Secretary of State Trey Grayson is available at http://www.sos.ky.gov/land/ .)
Non-Military Registers & Land Records	Saddlebag Notes
Land Office Order Forms	The technical leaflet, "The Kentucky Land Grant System", first published in the "Saddlebag Notes" section of the May/June 1990 issue of "Circuit Rider", published by the Historical Confederation of Kentucky, is one of the most requested handouts generated by the Kentucky Land Office.
Database Searches	Tax Lists
Land Office Journal	" Researching Kentucky Tax Lists: 1792-1840 ", published by the Kentucky Genealogical Society in the Fall 2002 issue of "Bluegrass Roots", provides a summary of legislation approved by the Kentucky General Assembly regarding the collection of state taxes and their value to historians and genealogists.
Gazetteer	Gazetteer
Glossary	The Gazetteer lists the county location for more than 1,000 place names identified in early Kentucky patents, the 1818 Munsell Map, and selected articles. Additional information will be added to the Gazetteer as patents are indexed. For county location of Kentucky watercourses (1835 to present date), visit the County Court Orders Database, and search by "Watercourse".
Maps	Glossary
Quick Reference Guides	What is the difference between a Warrant and a Survey? The Glossary defines more than 100 terms associated with land patenting.
County Formation Table	Maps
Legislation	On our Maps page , we are delighted to include maps donated to our website by Neal Hammon, a Kentucky author, historian and surveyor. Also included are maps of Kentucky Counties and Waterways, as well as the Loughridge Map, the Filson Map, and other maps of historical interest.
Resources	Quick Reference Guides
Links	Quick Reference Guides provide brief summaries entitled "Kentucky Land Patent Series" and "Key Points to Remember."
Kentucky County Officials	County Formation Table
Surveying Measurements	Kentucky wills, marriages and deeds are filed at the local level with the county clerk. When new counties are formed, most records stay in the county in which they originated. This County Formation Table identifies county creation dates and the names of "mother counties."
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Name	Location
Abraham Irvine's Station (aka Irvine's Station on Salt River)	Boyle County
Adair Academy	Adair County
Alexander Station	Fulton County
Alice Lloyd College (Pippa Passes)	Knott County
Allen Seminary	Allen County
Anderson Creek, Highland Creek (Military District)	Union County
Armstrong's Station (aka Col. John Armstrong's Station)	Clark Co, IN; 18 mi below Louisville, Jefferson County
Asbury College & Asbury Theological Seminary (Wilmore)	Jessamine County
Ashland Community & Technical College (Ashland)	Boyd County
Ashton's Station (aka Estill's Station)	Madison County
Asturgus Station (aka Sturgus Station)	on Harrod's Trace; Jefferson County
Athiamiwewe (aka Warrior's Path)	Bell County to Cabin Creek in Mason County
Bailey's Station	2.5 miles south of Maysville; Mason County
Bardwell	Carlisle County
Barnetts Creek (formerly known as Wolf Run). See OK 0702.0	Hardin County
Barnett's Station (aka Col. Joseph Barnett's Station)	2 miles from Hartford; Ohio County
Barren Branch of Brush Creek	Graves County
Barren Creek of Scagg's Fork	Graves; Carlisle County
Barren Fork of Harlan Creek	Ballard County
Barren River	trib of Green R; Allen; Monroe; Barren; Warren County
Barren Seminary (after 1809 known as Glasgow Academy)	Barren County
Barrens (Military District)	Crittenden; Caldwell County

Over 1000 locations are included in the on-line Gazetteer.

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(Secretary of State's Land Office Website)

- **Virginia & Old Kentucky Series**
 - Patents authorized by: French & Indian War Warrants; Lord Dunmore Warrants; Revolutionary War Warrants; Certificates of Settlement & Preemption Warrants; Treasury Warrants, etc.
- **West of Tennessee River Military Series**
- **West of Tennessee River Non-Military Series**
- **Jackson Purchase Locator**
- **County Court Order Series Database** *(over 8200 patents link to scanned images)*

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What is not online?

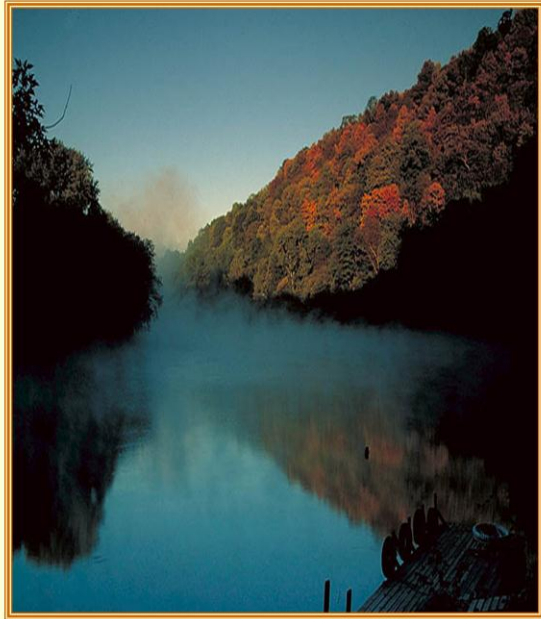
(Secretary of State's Land Office Website)

- South of Green River Patent Series
- Kentucky Land Warrants Patent Series
- Tellico Patent Series
- South of Walker's Line Patent Series

(Note: Tennessee Land)

- Fayette County, Virginia, Entry Books
- Jefferson County, Virginia, Entry Books
- Entry Books for the Military District

(Note: These books include Kentucky County, Virginia, Entries.)



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